CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-10 (PACS 1.6) Construction Date: 1948

Name: Steward Manor Neighborhood

Location: Irving Street, Dell Place, Morton Place, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Unrestricted

Description:

The Steward Manor Neighborhood is an area which was subdivided in December 1946 into 57 lots in 3 blocks, creating Irving Street, Dell Place, and Morton Place in Laurel, Prince George's County. The lots were improved in 1948 with $1\frac{1}{2}$ -story, 5-bay, woodframe side-gable cottages with an average interior area of 110 square meters (1184 square feet).

Significance:

The Steward Manor Neighborhood was subdivided by Dellburt A. Kidwell and Morton Jaffe in December 1946, and was then conveyed to N.B. Steward. Steward then had the houses built in 1948, and conveyed the properties to individual owners.

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1. Name	(indicate preferred	i name)			
historic Stew	ard Manor Neighborhood				
and/or common					
2. Locat	tion:				
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city, town Lau	rel vicinity of	congressional di	istrict		
state Maryland		county Prince G	county Prince George's		
3. Class	sification:				
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4. Owner	r of Property	(give names and maili	ing addresses of <u>all</u> owners)		
street & number			telephone no.:		
city,town			state and zip code		
5. Locat	tion of Legal	Description			
Land Records of	Prince George's County		liber Plat book 12		
street & number	Prince George's County	Judicial Center	folio 57		
city,town Upper	Marlboro		state MD		
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7. Description

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Resource Count: 57

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The structures are arranged with a consistent setback along the streets. They have side-gable roofs covered in asphalt shingles, with gable-dormers on the front elevations, shed-roof dormers on the rear elevation, and exterior end brick chimneys. The houses are of wood-frame construction with asphalt shingles or aluminum siding, and they have concrete foundations. The windows are 6/6 double-hung wood-sash. The houses have been altered and have a variety of front-porches. Some have projecting centered gable bays. The first-story entrances are centered on the front elevation. The fenestration patterns are symmetrical.

8. Significance

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Steward Manor Neighborhood was subdivided by Dellburt A. Kidwell and Morton Jaffe in December 1946, and was then conveyed to N.B Steward. Steward then had the houses built in 1948, and conveyed the properties to individual owners.

The Steward Manor Neighborhood is located on the west side of Laurel. Laurel is located on land riginally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Cook 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

The houses in the Steward Manor Neighborhood are 1½-story side-gable vernacular cottages. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing idustry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-

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8. Significance (Continued)

twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ -stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ -stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1948, the Steward Manor Neighborhood is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinguished example of a post-World War II subdivision. Though the street layout remains intact, the houses have been altered by successive owners, and are common examples of mid-twentieth century house-types. inally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

Eligibility recommendedComments	HISTORICAL TRUST Eligibility Not Recommended
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9. Major Bibliographical References survey No. PG: LAU-10 (PACS 1.6)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name <u>Laurel, MD</u> Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries state code county code

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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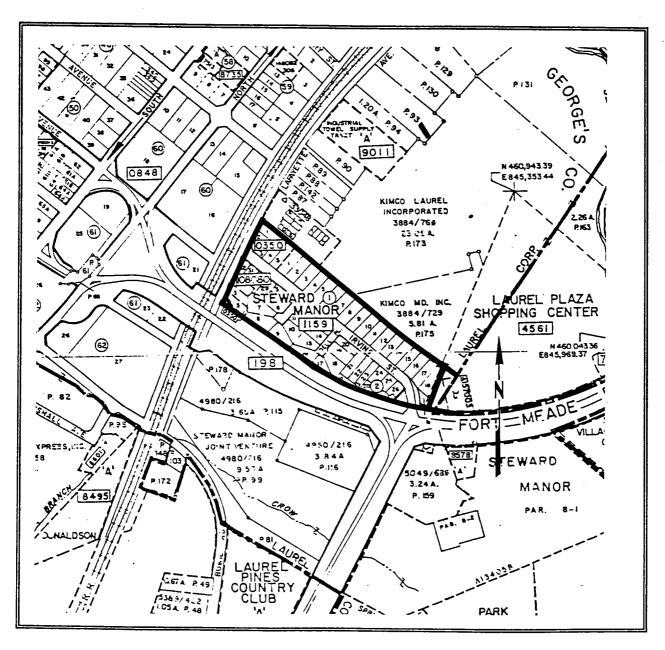
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

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Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): District

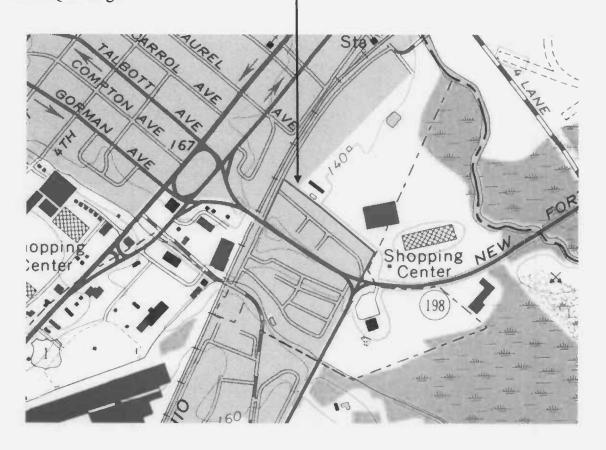
Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Suburban

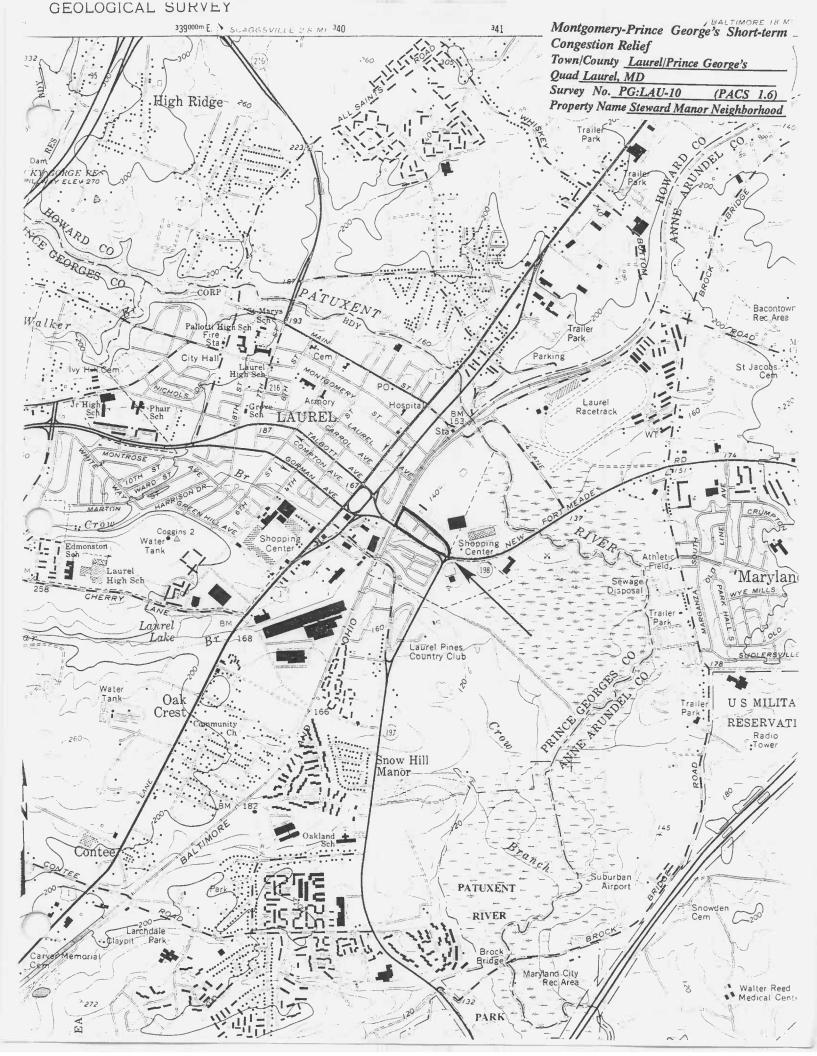
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

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